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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN
MIGRATION (ICEM)

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1. I SPOKE TODAY WITH SUBSECRETARY MIGUEL SOLANO (FOREIGN
MINISTRY), INDICATING OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN ICEM AND
DRAWING ON THE POINTS MADE IN REFTEL. IT APPEARS THAT
SPAIN HAS MADE THE FINAL DECISION TO WITHDRAW, AND THE
ICEM REPRESENTATIVE IN MADRID HAS BEEN SO INFORMED.

2. SOLANO STATED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS NOT FOR OR
AGAINST THE ICEM PER SE. AS A MATTER OF FACT HE MAINTAINED
THEY WERE MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED THAN EITHER THE DEPT OF
LABOR (INCLUDING THE IEE-SPANISH EMIGRATION INSTITUTE) OR
THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. THE SUBSECRETARY CONTINUED THAT
THE COST OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN ICEM WAS MORE THAN THE
BENEFITS. SPAIN WAS CURRENTLY LOOKING MORE TOWARD EUROPE
THAN TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, AND THE ICEM HAD BEEN FOCUSING
ON PROGRAMS OF ONLY MARGINAL INTEREST TO THEM. WHEN I
MENTIONED THE COST DISADVANTAGES OF OBSERVER STATUS, SOLANO
COUNTERED THAT THEY WOULDN'T ADD UP TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER
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JUSTIFICATION TO REMAIN IN THE ICEM. HE ALSO ADDED
SOMEWHAT OBTUSELY THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH
THE "NEW ADMINISTRATION" (PRESUMABLY OF ICEM, ALTHOUGH WE
ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY MAJOR RESHUFFLING)

3. THE NET RESULT THEN IS THAT SPAIN APPARENTLY FEELS THAT
THE COST TO THEM AND THE CURRENT FOCUS OF ICEM OUTWEIGH THE

ADVANTAGE OF MEMBERSHIP AT A TIME WHEN SPAIN IS MORE EUROPE ORIENTED. SOALNO ASSERTED THAT THIS TIME THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW HAD BEEN MADE, HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING IT, AND SPAIN WILL NOW ASK FOR OBSERVER STATUS. IF IN THE MONTHS TO COME ICEM PROGRAMS BECAME OF MORE INTEREST TO SPAIN, HOWEVER THEY HAD NOTHING IN PRICIPLE AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION AND COULD CONSIDER RE PARTICIPATION.

4. ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE SPAIN HAS MADE UP ITS MIND, WE WILL EXPLORE THE MATTER FURTHER WITH SUBSECRETARY OF LABOR AND THE IEE.STABLER

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